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- 25X1 1. SAMR (in Cyrillic letters - CAMP) as an abbreviation stands for a state commercial organization of the same type as the Soviet VOSTOKIMORG. It is a camouflaged commercial organization charged with the mission of buying raw materials and strategic goods from Western countries, and was set up in Moscow when the US embargo was imposed.
2. The first talks on the activity of SAMR in Poland started in January or February 1953. Special sections were set up at the various ministries to control the SAMR organization. In addition, special sections were established with all state import agencies under the designation of engineering offices (biura inzynieryjne). These secret offices were in the hands of most trustworthy party members and each of them was headed by a UB (Security Police) agent.
3. Following is a list of some members of the various commercial organizations maintaining business relations with foreign countries: Viktor Gorecki, general manager of the ANIMEX firm, at 66/68 Hoza ul., Warsaw, but foreign business transactions were handled by manager Epstein (fnu) [redacted] Kajscherbst (fnu), [redacted] who was manager of the forwarding firm of C. Hartwig, Ltd., at 3 Mitnosa ul. in Warsaw. He was very active in the commerce with strategic goods, as he himself directed not only the forwarding business, but also the conclusion of contracts and the procurement of goods. Gutermann (fnu) was a key person at the Centrala Morska-Centromor, at 49 ul. Mokotowska, Warsaw, who specialized in the purchase of marine engines and marine equipment abroad. Krzysztoforski (fnu) of the widely enlarged enterprise of CIECH, at 10 ul. Jasna, Warsaw, made his first appearance in November 1953. Sales manager Rudolf Kwiecinski frequently introduced himself as manager of the TRANSAKTOR abroad although, strictly speaking, he did not hold this position. Kojer (fnu) [redacted] still was an agent abroad. Jan Drobot, graduate engineer at 32 al. Sienna, Warsaw, was general manager of the ELEKTRIM firm and made journeys abroad [redacted] He was one of the most important members of the "outer ring" of the SAMR [redacted] Paged [redacted] at 18 Plac Trzech, Warsaw, maintains its own agencies abroad which are staffed with confidential agents of vice-manager. Ignacy Pabierka, Cytryn (fnu), [redacted] manager of the Paged agency [redacted] also performed SAMR missions, in addition to doing lumber business. Wacław Bugajski of the IMPEXMETAL, at 7 ul. Wita Stwosza, only played a subordinate part in the trade with NF-metals and other strategic goods. He

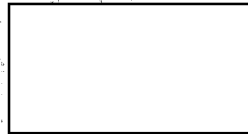
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Manager Leonie Krauss
Krausz, who speaks only very little Polish, is a German. In his official capacity as manager of the TRANSAKTOR broker's firm, he frequently acted as manager of other firms according to circumstances. Krauss was the confident of Dr. Stanislaus Gall, [redacted] who accomplished important SAMR missions at the Foreign Trade Ministry. [redacted]

Krauss was a member of the Foreign Trade Section of the Central Committee of the Polish Communist Party and, therefore, held an important position in the Polish economic organization. The former manager at the POLIMEX, at 7/9 ul. Czackiego, Warsaw, was dismissed in early January 1954 and replaced by Kwiatowski (fnu).

4. In addition to the above persons, there are various other men, whose activities are rather obscure, including Samuel Uriewicz, [redacted] Herzberg (fnu), and Winogradski (fnu), who had direct contact with [redacted] firms outside the trade missions.



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